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SUBJ: APPRAISAL OF UNICEF PROGRAM

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1. SOLE PROGRAM FOR GABON MENTIONED IN REPAIR IS FOR WATER WELL DRILLING. AT 1975 ANNUAL REVIEW WITH GOG, UN DECISION WAS MADE TO DELAY PROGRAM 2-3 YEARS PENDING GOG LAND USE MANAGEMENT PLAN WHICH WOULD RELOCATE AND CONSOLIDATE MANY VILLAGES IN INTERIOR.

2. ANOTHER PROGRAM UNDER UNICEF AUSPICES, ALSO POSTPONED THREE YEARS, WAS "EDUCATION FOR INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT" (GAB 68/007). IT WILL BE ACTIVATED BY UNICEF EXPERTS WHEN FIRST GROUP OF RURAL EXTENSION WORKERS GRADUATE FROM NATIONAL SCHOOL IN OYEM.

3. COMMENT: DELAY IN BOTH PROGRAMS STRIKES EMBASSY AS WISE DECISION IN VIEW OF NEED TO DEVELOP TRAINED PEOPLE AND RELOCATE RURAL POPULACE FIRST. A CAVEAT WORTH MENTIONING, HOWEVER, IS THAT RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM MAY TAKE LONGER THAN ANTICIPATED BY GOG PLANNERS. END COMMENT.

4. FYI: RES REP OF UNDP MENTIONED THAT HE IS NOT FULLY INFORMED ON UNICEF PROGRAMS IN GABON, AS UNICEF HAS REGIONAL OFFICE IN BRAZZAVILLE THAT CONTROLS OWN BUDGET. HOWEVER, POST DOUBTS THAT THERE ARE ANY LARGE PROGRAMS ONGOING THAT HE WOULD NOT BE AWARE OF. END FYI.

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5. SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE: UNICEF PROVIDES VACCINES TO
STP MEDICAL SERVICES, APPLIANCES, CUTLERY ANDR CROCKERY
FOR SCHOOL CAFETERIAS, AND ALSO FINANCIAL PER DIEM OF
PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS TO ATTEND REFRESHER COURSES
DURING SUMMER 1975.DEJARNETTE

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